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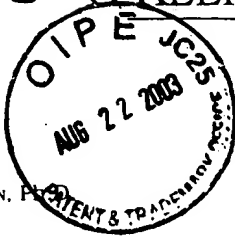
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Re: *Petition Concerning Notice of Foreign Filing A Foreign Application Of A
U.S. Patent Application For Which A Nonpublication Request Was
Rescinded Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)*

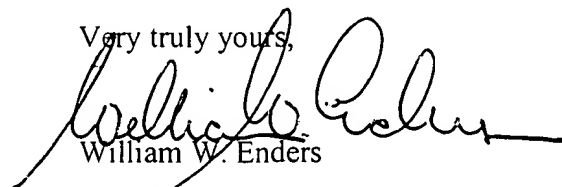
Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed is a "Petition Concerning Notice of Foreign Filing A Foreign
Application Of A U.S. Patent Application For Which A Nonpublication Request Was
Rescinded Under 35 USC 122(b)(2)". A substantially similar petition is concurrently
being filed in the following cases:

09/797,414	09/797,411	09/871,401
09/797,198	09/797,413	09/871,134
09/797,199	09/797,200	09/947,869
09/797,197	09/797,404	09/879,848
09/797,507	09/797,201	09/879,836
09/797,412	09/797,506	09/879,809
09/797,195	09/879,810	09/879,812
09/879,811	09/879,834	

Each of these petitions addresses the impact of the anthrax delayed U.S. mail and
the office's Notice dated June 5, 2003 entitled "Clarification Of The United States Patent
And Trademark Office's Interpretation Of The Provisions Of 35 U.S.C.
§122(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iv).

Very truly yours,


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